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### 1. INDOCHINA

VN SEEKS 12.4-MILLION-DOL LOAN THRU INTL BANKS FOR FERTILIZER IMPORTS (WSJ). OPEC LENDS 33.8 MILLION DOLS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCL 2.15 MILLION TO LAOS (AFP, WP 2/6).

US BUSINESSMAN WM J. CRUM KILLED IN HK WHEN FIRE SWEPT HOME. WAS KEY FIGURE SVN PX SCANDAL; AVOIDED RETURNING US TO FACE SENATE CMTE PROBE (UPI, NYT).

### 2. THAILAND

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COMMUNISTS AMBUSH RTG BORDER PATROL IN NE, KILL 1 COP (AP NYT, NYDN).

US/UN HELP RTG GET TOUGHER IN WAR VS OPIUM GROWING/SMUGGLING. RECORD INCREASED HEROIN SEIZURES IN THAILAND IMPRESSIVE, BUT "BIG FISH" STILL MANAGE ELUDE DRAGNET (REUTER, SUN).

NEW MONUMENT TO RIVER KWAI RR TO BE UNVEILED BY 60 FORMER JAPANESE SOLDIERS (REUTER, PHINQ).

3. THAILAND/BURMA

RTG/GUB TROOPS BEGIN MAJOR PUSH VS WARLORDS WHO CONTROL OPIUM TRADE IN "GOLDEN TRIANGLE." 3000 TROOPS REPORTEDLY INVOLVED (WP).

4. CHINA

IN 2/3 FIRST INTERVIEW SINCE ASSUMING OFFICE, VANCE SAID US ULTIMATELY WILL HAVE FULL/NORMAL RELS WITH PRC, BUT MUST ALSO CONSIDER QUESTIONS OF SECURITY OF PEOPLE OF ROC. DECLINED BEING PINNED DOWN ON "PACE AND MODALITIES" FOR MOVING AHEAD ON SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE (AP'S SCHWEID, WP/ WSTAR 2/4).

OFFICIAL CHINESE PRESS WARNS OF POSSIBLE RENEWAL OF PLOTS BY "SWORN SUPPORTERS" OF CHIANG CHING AND "ACCOMPLICES" (WP 2/6).

REPORTING THAT 800 DELEGATES WERE GREETED SATURDAY BY HUA, NCNA DISCLOSED INDIRECTLY THAT 4 NATIONAL CONFERENCES ON NATIONAL DEFENSE ARE GOING ON SIMULTANEOUSLY IN PEKING (WP).

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NCNA REPORTED 2/6 THAT MAJOR TANGSHAN STEEL WORKS HAS RETURNED TO FULL PRODUCTION (AFP, NYT).

5. CHINA/JAPAN

MFA SPOKESMAN SAYS GOJ NO LONGER OPPOSED TO INCLUDING "ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE" INSISTED UPON BY PRC IN PEACE/ FRIENDSHIP TREATY; BUT ADDED JAPAN DOESN'T WANT CLAUSE INTERPRETED AS "ALLIANCE" BETW THEM AGAINST ANY 3RD PARTIES, ESPEC USSR (SEIDEN, SUN 2/5).

JAPAN AUTO MANUFACTURERS' ASSN OFFICIAL SAYS JAPANESE TRADE MISSION HAS BEEN ASKED POSTPONE PRC VISIT BECAUSE CHINESE FEAR MORE EARTHQUAKES IN NORTH OF COUNTRY (REUTER TOKYO).

6. JAPAN

JAPAN PLANS SEND GOVT-LEVEL MISSION TO US WITHIN WEEK OR SO FOR TALKS ON US/JAPAN NUKE ENERGY POLICIES. JAPAN EXPECTS US IMPOSE STRICT CONTROLS ON PEACEFUL USE ATOMIC ENERGY, THEREFORE FEELS IT NECESSARY MAKE MOVES NOW, BE-

FORE CARTER ANNOUNCES OWN NUKE ENERGY PROGRAMS (CULLISON, JOC).

SOME 4000 DEMONSTRATED 2/6 OUTSIDE TOKYO'S NEW INTL AIR-PORT AT NARITA AGAINST ITS PLANNED OPENING LATER THIS YR (REUTER, NYT).

ALL-JAPAN SEAMEN'S UNION EXECS REPEATED DEMANDS OVER WEEKEND THAT OCEANGOING/SMALLER SHIPOWNERS MUST ACCEPT 11.3 PCT AVG MONTHLY BASIC WAGE INCREASE AS OF 4/1 (CUL-LISON).

EGAN (WP) REPORTS LOCKHEED CORP APPEARS TO HAVE EMERGED UNCLASSIFIED

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FROM PAYOFF SCANDALS FINANCIALLY STRONGER THAN HAS BEEN FOR LONG TIME. NOTES FIRM REMAINS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT LAND-ING LONG-DELAYED, 350-MIL-DOL CONTRALT FOR ANTI-SUB PATROL PLANE FROM JAPAN.

JAPANESE CHEMICAL FIRM SIGNED 21-MIL-DOL CONTRACT IN HOUS-;ON LAST WEEK TO PURCHASE PETRO-TEX CORP FACTORY/TAKE OVER 200-MEMBER STAFF (UPI, JOC; WSJ).

ASAHI EDITOR HARA (WP) WRITES ON CRIME IN JAPAN, FINDS RATE LOW, STEADILY DECLINING. CITES FACT POLICE HIGHLY EF-FECITVE DUE JAPANESE ATTITUDE WHICH TRADITIONALLY INCLINES TO AUTHORITY SYMBOLS.

KANABAYSHI (WSJ) REPORTS GOLF COURSE OPERATORS IN JAPAN SUFFERING FROM SOARING CONSTRUCTION COSTS/LACK NEW MEM-BERS. IN '76, 47 COURSE OPERATORS FILED BANKRUPTCY AS OPPOSED TO 35 IN '75.

SUN'S SEIDEN DOES ITEM ON LAST VESTIGES JAPAN'S PEER-AGE. NOTES 913 JAPANES FAMILIES GIVEN NOBLE TITLES IN LATE 19TH CENTURY ATTEMPT IMITATE EUROPEAN COURT LIFE. SOME STILL MEMBERS PVT CLUB OPEN ONLY TO FORMER NOBLE-MEN, THO MOST HAVE FACED REALITY OF COMMON LIFE.

## 7. PHILIPPINES

AID SIGNS AGREEMENT W/GOP GRANTING ADDITIONAL 10-MIL-DOL LOAN FOR LOCAL WATERWORKS PROJECTS (REUTER MANILA).

PHIL SUPREME COURT FRIDAY ORDERED AUTHORITIES PRODUCE 10 PRISONERS WHO CLAIMED THEY WERE DETAINED, SOME SINCE '72, W/O CHARGES. COURT WILL HEAR PETITION 2/15 BY DE-FENSE LAWYERS FOR PRISONERS' RELEASE (AFP, WP 2/6).

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TEN PERSONS, INCL FORMER PHIL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE/  
3 AMCITS/1 BRITON, ORDERED STAND TRIAL IN MIL COURT MON-  
DAY ON CHARGES PLOTTING KILL MARCOS. NOT ALL 10 IN CUS-  
TODY (REUTER, SUN; WP).

PASTORAL LETTER ISSUED WEEK AGO BY 66 OF PHILS' 74 CATH-  
OLIC BISHOPS PROTESTS AGAINST MARCOS' MARTIAL-LAW REGIME.  
MARKS STRONGEST CHURCH STATEMENT TO DATE, INDICATES THAT  
GENERALLY CONSERV BISHOPS CAN BE LED CRITICIZE GOVT IF THEY  
FEEL DIRECTLY THREATENED. NO SIGN YET OF GOP REACTION  
(WIDEMAN, WP).

8. AUSTRALIA

COUNTRY'S 1ST DISCOVERY OF DIAMONDS IN COMMERCIAL QUAN-  
TITY MADE IN REMOTE PART W AUSTRALIA BY CONSORTIUM HEADED  
BY CONZINC RIO TINTO OF AUSTRALIA (NYT 2/5).

AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING COUNCIL/AUSTRALIA-EAST COST COAST  
N AMER SHIPPING CONF END TALKS W/AGREEMENT ON RATES/SHIP-  
ING CONDITIONS (STOVE, JOC).

9. PALAU

NYT'S MALCOLM DOES LENGTHY ARTICLE ON US/JAPAN/IRAN INTL  
CONSORTIUM PLANS CONSTRUCT MULTI-MIL-DOL OIL STORAGE/  
TRANSSHIPPING STATION FOR SUPERTANKERS ON PALAU. US HAS  
ALREADY GIVEN APPROVAL FOR 3-MIL-DOL FEASIBILITY STUDY,  
AND PALAU LEGISLATURE ASKED INTERIOR DEPT TO FUND ENVIRON-  
MENTAL IMPACT STUDY. TRUST TERR OFFICIAL ROBT OWEN STATES  
PROJECT BECOMING "CLASSIC CONFRONTATION" BETW DEVELOPERS/  
CONSERVATIONISTS.

10. INDONESIA

PERTAMINA PRES SAYS MAY CLOSE NY RESTAURANT ALLEGEDLY SET  
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UP W/SHAKEDOWN MONEY FROM FOREIGN OIL FIRMS (WP 2/6; AP,  
NYT).

GOI PREPARED OFFER FON OIL COS NEW INCENTIVES TO STIMULATE  
EXPLORATION/OPEN WAY FOR EARLY SETTLEMENT PROLONGED PRO-  
DUCTION-SHARING NEGOTS (PURA, WSJ).

11. SINGAPORE

ANDELMAN (NYT 2/4) REPORTS PM LEE EMERGED FROM LAST MO'S  
ELECTION STRONGER THAN EVER, HAS BEGUN TEST POWER LIMITS  
BY SEIZING 2 OPPOSITION LEADERS/DRIVING SOME OTHERS INTO  
HIDING/ARRESTING "FE ECON REVIEW" JOURNALIST. NOTES MORE

ARRESTS EXPECTED OF THOSE WHO MADE "LIBELOUS REMARKS."

NYT'S ANDELMAN (2/5) DESCRIBES GRIP GAMBLING HAS ON POPULATION; NOTES UNCONTROLLED EXCEPT IN MOST ORGANIZED FORM. SEES IT AS SAFETY VALVE IN 1 OF MOST RESTRICTIVE SOCIETIES IN ASIA. MENTIONS PM LEE'S "USE YOUR HANDS" HAS NOT YET CAUGHT ON WELL.

TOURIST PROMOTION BOARD PLANS ENCOURAGE VISITS TO CHANGI PRISON WHERE ALLIED POWS HELD DURING WW II.

12. KOREA

HALLORAN (NYT 2/5) REPORTS DOCUMENT REPORTING CUSTOMS INCIDENT MADE PUBLIC; REPORT INDICATES TONGSUN PARK SOUGHT INFLUENCE 10 SENATORS. LYNCH (WP 2/5, PHINQ) SAYS CUSTOM INSPECTOR'S MEMO DETAILING PARK'S RUN-IN W/ CUSTOMS IN 1973 MADE PUBLIC. MEMO MENTIONS LIST NAMES THAT INCLUDED REFERENCES TO "CONTRIBUTIONS" TO 70-80 CONGRESSMEN/SENATORS, THEN-PRES NIXON. MENTIONS THAT AT TIME INCIDENT W/CUSTOMS TOOK PLACE, TONGSUN PARK WAS ALSO CARRYING 2 COPIES LTR FROM "CONGRESSMAN PARRY" TO SK PRES UNCLASSIFIED

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CONCERNING FORMATION LARGE INTL UNDERTAKING IMPORT ITEMS FROM US TO SK.

SIX KEY EMPLOYEES PHARMACEUTICAL FIRM OWNED BY MOON'S UNIFICATION CHURCH ARRESTED FOR TAX EVASION IN SEOUL (WSTAR 2/6).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

13. INDOCHINA

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S WOOLLACOTT (WP 2/5) NOTES DEMISE NLF AS ABSORBED IN LARGER FRONT ORGANIZATION. SAYS NLF CONTRIBUTED MOST TO COMMUNIST VICTORY; IN RETROSPECT, CLEAR THAT NEVER WAS TRUE COALITION/INDEPENDENT SVN ENTITY. POINTS OUT NLF WAS WRONG, SINCE BEGAN W/IDEA "GENERAL UPRISING" WOULD BE RESULT EFFORTS; THIS NEVER OCCURRED, NOR DID COALITION GOVT FOR SVN. BUT NLF LAID FOUNDATION FOR VICTORY, SINCE GAVE COMMUNISTS LARGE SOCIAL BASE/LEGITIMACY.

14. CHINA

KRAFT (IN PEKING) OBSERVES "PEKING'S RECENT FALL FROM GRACE," AS NO DAY SEEMS GO BY W/O CARTER ADMIN "PUTTING ONE IN THE EYE" OF PRC. BUT BELIEVES US HAS NO INTEREST IN LETTING PEKING CONNECTION LAPSE. SAYS GATES EAGER GET GOING ON FROZEN ASSETS ISSUE, BUT WASHINGTON HANGING BACK. SAYS LI HSIEN-HIEN HAS PROPOSED TO VISITING AMCITS THAT

TALKS START. KRAFT

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URGES STARTING FROZEN ASSETS TALKS--WHICH COST NOTHING, COMMIT NOTHING, BUT WOULD KEEP DOOR OPEN TO FUTURE REVITALIZATION SINO-US RELS (SUN, GLOBE; WP 2/6).

NYT'S BUTTEFIELD (HK 2/5) NOTES THAT IN 4 MONTHS SINCE HUA ELEVATED TO CHAIRMANSHIP, OUTPOURING OF INFO HAS BEGUN FILL IN HIS BACKGROUND, PROVIDING PORTRAIT OF SHREWD, CAUTIOUS UNCLASSIFIED

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MAN WITH KNACK OF TAKING CORRECT POL LINE, ATTRACTING POWERFUL FRIENDS.

US AGRIC SCIENTISTS RETURNING FROM GROUP VISITS TO PRC REPORT CHINESE APPARENTLY INDIFFERENT TO BASIC AGRIC RESEARCH/CONTINUED EXCHANGES SEEDS OF MAJOR FOOD-PLANT VARIETIES, SUCH AS WHEAT. NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER DR. BORLAUG VOICES WARM APPROVAL OF CHINESE AGRIC'S HEAVY EMPHASIS ON IMMEDIATE RESULTS, BUT WARNS THAT SUSTAINED HIGH FOOD PRODUCTION COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED W/O "FREE EXCHANGE" INFO (NYT'S MCELHENY).

NYDN NOTES PEOPLE'S DAILY HAS APOLOGIZED FOR "STEREOTYPED, NOXIOUS, LONG-WINDED AND MONOTONOUS" WRITINGS IN OFFICIAL CHINESE PAPERS, AND HAS PROMISED FASTER, LIVELIER MATERIAL. NEWS COMMENTS: "YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A SINOLOGIST TO KNOW WHAT WENT WRONG. OBVIOUSLY, THE REDS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNING ALL THEIR BEST REWRITERS TO DO WALL POSTERS."

15. JAPAN

ANDERSON/WHITTEN CITE PVT JUSTICE DEPT MEMO, WHICH REVEALS THAT WESTINGHOUSE ALLEGEDLY USED ITS CONTRACTS W/ MITSUBISHI TO PREVENT ITS EXPORTS TURBINE GENERATORS INTO US. ANTITRUST CHIEF DONALD BAKER REPORTEDLY IGNORED MEMO FROM SENIOR ANTITRUST OFFICIAL, WHICH "STRONGLY URGED" THAT BAKER'S SETTLEMENT PRICE-FIXING CASE INCLUDE AGREEMENT FROM WESTINGHOUSE TO PERMIT MITSUBISHI SHIP GENERATORS.

WSJ CRITICIZES CARTER ADMIN'S NOT-SO-GENTLE PRODDING JAPAN/FRG TO STIMULATE ECONOMIES. MENTIONS ECON UNDER SEC COOPER'S "TIME" INTERVIEW, WHICH STATED THAT UNLESS JAPAN DOES OUR BIDDING SOON, "WE SHOULD HIT THEM HARD." ALSO NOTES TREAS ASST SEC BERGSTEN, WHO SEES "UNDERVALUED YEN" PRIMARY CAUSE FOR GLOBAL ECON DIFFICULTIES, WAS ALONG UNCLASSIFIED

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ON MONDALE TRIP. BELIEVES IF FRG/JAPAN PERSUADED GO ALONG

W/CARTER'S "STIMULATION" PKG, "INFLATION IS ALL THEY WILL GET, TOO."

TRILATERAL COMMISSION MEMBER WHITMAN (CSM) REMARKS RECENT TOKYO MTG HARDLY MADE HEADLINES, BUT INSISTS COORDINATED

MACROECON POLICIES/ENLIGHTENED SELF-INTEREST IS ONLY WAY SOLVE COMMON ECON PROBLEMS IN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD.

16. GENERAL

NYT'S GWERTZMAN (2/6) SAYS WHILE SOVIET/EE ARE OBVIOUS PLACES FOR CARTER ADMIN'S EXPRESSIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERN, SITUATION MORE DIFFICULT WHEN VIOLATORS ARE US ALLIES. NOTES SO FAR ADMIN HAS GIVEN NO INDICATION WHAT POLICY WILL BE TOWARD SK OR PHILS. ASKS WHETHER US DOES NOT APPEAR HYPOCRITICAL IN NOT RAISING VOICE ABOUT SK/PHILS/IRAN, WHILE ATTACKING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SOVIET, LA, AFRICA, ETC. BUT NOTES US HAS ECON/POL INVESTMENTS IT DOES NOT WISH JEOPARDIZE EVEN IN COUNTRIES WHERE OUR SECURITY INTERESTS NOT SO PLAIN--AND SO FAR HAS KEPT ALMOST TOTALLY SILENT.

ACCORDING RECENT REPORT FROM "POPULATION REFERENCE BUREAU"--WASHINGTON-BASED ORGANIZATION THAT STUDIES WORLD POPULATION/MIGRATION TRENDS, CITIES IN UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE GROWING SO QUICKLY THAT BY END OF CENTURY MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF WORLD'S TOTAL URBAN POPULATION WILL LIVE IN THEM. IF CURRENT TRENDS CONTINUE, FORECASTS THAT CITIES LIKE MANILA/JAKARTA WILL TRIPLE IN SIZE--BUT TOKYO/LONDON WILL GROW LESS THAN 1 PCT IN NEXT 10 YEARS (WP'S DEYOUNG 2/6).

17. ADD NEWS - JAPAN

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WP'S OBERDORFER (2/6) REPORTS INFORMED OFFICIALS SAID SATURDAY THAT CARTER ADMIN PLANS REPLACE ABOUT HALF 120 US AMBASSADORS AROUND WORLD WITHIN NEXT 6 MONTHS BY MEANS OF HIGHLY UNUSUAL/STILL-EVOLVING SELECTION PROCESS. TOKYO/LONDON/PARIS POSTS REPORTEDLY INCLUDED.  
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